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SUBJ: AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS PUSHTUNISTAN AGAIN

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ADCM NOV 3 ON OTHER SUBJECTS (SEPTELS), HAKIM (DIRECTOR SECOND POLITICAL DEPT., MFA) REFERRED TO PUSH-TUNISTAN ISSUE, SPECIFICALLY BORDER INTRUSION DISCUSSED REFTEL. ADCM ASKED WHETHER SUCH QUESTIONS AND OTHERS CONCERNING PUSHTUNISTAN COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED BY HIGH-LEVEL EMISSARIES. IN RESPONSE, HAKIM ASKED WHAT IS THERE TO TALK ABOUT. AFGHAN POSITION HAS BEEN CLEARLY STATED AND IS KNOWN TO ALL. HE SAW NO NEED FOR ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIALOGUE.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH PAK COUNSELOR BABAR NOV 4, ADCM LEARNED THAT GHAFAR HAD APPARENTLY TAKEN SOME INITIATIVE PREVIOUS DAY WITH BABAR FOLLOWING UP ADCM'S CONVERSATION WITH GHAFAR REPORTED
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REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY, GHAFAR ASKED WHETHER BHUTTO WAS INTERESTED IN VISITING KABUL AND WHETHER BHUTTO WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS

ALL ISSUES. BABAR STATED HE RESPONDED "IN PRINCIPLE YES." WHEN GHAFAR ASKED IF THIS INCLUDED PUSHTUNISTAN, BABAR RESPONDED HE BELIEVED SO BUT THAT DISCUSSION COULD IN NO WAY INVOLVE POSSIBLE RELINQUISHMENT OF PAK SOVEREIGNTY TO ANY PORTION ITS TERRITORIES. GHAFAR THEN CLEARLY INDICATED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HIGH-LEVEL CONVERSATIONS IF THIS WAS LINE BHUTTO WOULD TAKE WITH AFGHANS.

3. COMMENT: FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, QUESTION OF HIGH-LEVEL PAK-AFGHAN TALKS APPEAR STALLED ON DEAD CENTER UNLESS EITHER PRINCIPAL TAKES INITIATIVE TO RISE ABOUT CURRENT APPARENT IMPASSE.
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